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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 12 and 34 - 50 are pending. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 9, 10, 42 and 45 - 50 are allowed.

Applicants request reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections, and allowance of the claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants have further shown that the invention, as defined in the pending claims, is neither disclosed nor suggested by the references of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of record, and allowance of all claims.